



Navy Cash “Goes Live” Onboard Lincoln

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Sailors aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) now have a new way of making purchases at sea or in port.

Navy Cash, a fully automated money-management system, went live on board Tuesday morning making money matters on the ship a little bit easier.

“Navy Cash is helping move the Abraham Lincoln into the 21st century,” said Capt. C.A. McCawley. “The paperless money system will make life better, easier and more efficient for Lincoln Sailors.” Navy Cash reduces the need for cash through the “smart card” technology. A card similar to an ATM/debit card is used for all purchases and transactions on board Abe.

While on liberty a magnetic strip on the Navy Cash card can be used for ATM withdrawals or purchases. A “chip” on the front of the card provides an electronic “purse” for purchases on the ship.

According to Ens. Quentin Lease, Abe’s disbursing officer, the Navy Cash card can be used to pay for anything from the ship’s store, vending machines, money orders, stamps, phone cards and mess bills.

The program will improve financial flexibility and security on aboard Abe, Lease said.

The program works by using shipboard LAN and satellite communications as well as the existing commercial banking infrastructure, Lease said. Using the Navy Cash program provides more security by reducing the need to carry cash or coins that can be lost or stolen.



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Capt. C.A. McCawley, commanding officer of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) cuts the ribbon at the grand opening ceremony for Navy Cash as he shows off his Navy Cash card.

For more information on the Navy Cash system, or to sign up for a Navy Cash card, contact Abe’s disbursing office at j-dial 2008.

Lincoln’s EO Keeps Ship’s Culture Diverse

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The crew aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) is its own culture. Within this culture lie an abundance of sub-cultures involving different jobs, genders, races and forms of communication. Keeping a large command like Lincoln at its full working capacity takes giving Sailors the knowledge they need to resolve

many issues at the deck plate level for mission success.

The Command Managed Equal Opportunity (CMEO) advisors provide the guidance for diversity aboard Lincoln, giving Lincoln Sailors access to information they need to have a productive and successful career while onboard Lincoln and in the Navy.

“People who have been in the Navy and have retired from the Navy look back in fond remembrance of time spent in the

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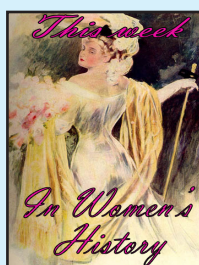


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Abe Sailors Volunteer for Individual Augmentee Deployment

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For as long as there has been a U.S. Navy, Sailors have been going on deployments and that means their families have been dealing with the stresses that come with those deployments. In today's Navy, families have to deal with more surge or extended deployments in war-torn areas and even Individual Augmentee (IA) deployments.

The Navy is sending Sailors IA to support the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). These deployments can be even harder for Sailors and their families to cope with because the Sailor is often deployed alone with a distant and unfamiliar unit.

One Sailor from USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) knows all about the difficulty of an IA deployment and the troubles his family endured while he was away.

Boatswain's Mate Chief Petty Officer (SW/AW) Brian Cissell was on an IA deployment in Iraq last year. He served with the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division at Camp Victory South. While deployed, he helped with \$30 million in reconstruction efforts in southwestern Baghdad. He was solely responsible for overseeing 55 projects in the area.

"When I went to Iraq, the whole IA thing was still in its infancy," Cissell said. "There really wasn't anything established for the families at that time.

"The only thing I could do to prepare them was to tell them the truth," he said. "You have to prepare them for the worst. Trying to lie or mask anything going on just makes things worse. If you don't prepare your family, it will just hit them harder."

Cissell recommends IA Sailors need to make sure all paperwork from wills to the record of emergency data, or page two, have been recently updated and completed. He warns that if those things aren't taken care of, and something happens, the state will take over everything.

In the time Cissell has been back from his IA deployment, the Navy has established Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center (ECRC) for IA Sailors and their families. ECRC is responsible for training, equipping, certification, deployment, reach-back, redeployment and family support for combat-trained, IA Sailors.

"Our mission applies to the uniformed member, but that is only half our mission. The other half is to make sure the support is there for the families," said Capt. Jeff McKenzie, commanding officer for ECRC.



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BMC(SW/AW) Brian Cissell passes out candy to children near Yusu-fiyah's Al-Qanadel Pre-School while on an Individual Augmentee (IA) deployment. Cissell is one of numerous Sailors from USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) who volunteered for an IA deployment in 2006.

ECRC established a toll-free hotline for active duty and Navy Reserve Sailors' families on IA orders. Any family member can call 877-364-4302 to find the information or resources they may need while their Sailors are deployed. The hotline aims to alleviate the stresses IA family members experience.

"We want to be a conduit where a family member can contact us and we can get them in touch with the group or organization that can provide the support they need," said Cmdr. Laura Leigh Venable, ECRC's executive officer.

Besides the hotline, ECRC has also established a website for IA family members. By logging on to www.ecrc.navy.mil family members can download an "IA Family Handbook," a 45-page handbook full of information on how to deal with some stresses and fears about their Sailor's deployment as well as information about household emergencies or other problems they may face while their Sailor is deployed. There is also a section of links to Websites such as the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, the Fleet and Family Services Program, and the Red Cross that could come in handy

Lincoln Pride

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service,” said LCDR Don Furukawa, Lincoln’s new Equal Opportunity Officer. “The spirit gives life in the Navy meaning. What is important to Equal Opportunity is preserving that meaning.”

“We are here (as EO personnel) making sure every Sailor aboard Lincoln can work in an environment that is just and respectful to them,” Furukawa said.

Hull Technician chief (SW/AW) Carmen Viduya, Lincoln’s Equal Opportunity Advisor, has been on board since 2004 and says the program has always been successful and will continue on the path of success.

“The diversity aboard Lincoln is forever changing and evolving,” Viduya said. “We are here to let Sailors vent and encourage them to speak openly.”

Viduya said they educate the crew and advise the commanding officer of shipboard morale.

One of the ways the EOA and CMEOs do this is by taking a climate survey once a year. These surveys are distributed throughout the command giving Sailors a chance to talk about what affects them. Results of the survey are sent directly to the captain for review.

“We distribute surveys from the captain to all departments because the captain may not always have the opportunity to get

around the entire ship but he wants to know the morale of the crew,” Viduya said. “This entire program is here for the Sailors.”

“We are managing the culture of this command ensuing it to all races and genders,” Furukawa said. “In order to do this you have to take a snapshot of what was there and what is now there, the surveys help accomplish this goal.”

The most recent survey was taken in August of 2006 and Furukawa says they are taking action with the results of the survey.

Furukawa said the entire CMEO staff is compiled of a diverse group of people. Sailors have the opportunity to speak with someone with a familiar quality, whether it is rank or background.

“Keeping a diverse group of people involved makes the whole program more approachable,” said Furukawa. “This is not a fluke occurrence; it was designed to achieve maximum success.”

Furukawa said the EO program is there to maintain equilibrium in Lincoln’s culture.

“If you let issues run on their own they can spin out of control and the goal of the Lincoln could be overlooked,” Furukawa said. “This promotes different behaviors on and off Lincoln. The goal of the EO is to determine what is acceptable throughout the command.”

Viduya said EO personnel can be



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HTC(SW/AW) Carmen Viduya, LCDR Don Furukawa, and MMCS(SW/AW) Lyle Knudsen, Lincoln’s Equal Opportunity supervisors pose in front of the 72 on Abe’s flight deck.

reached at any time and Sailors always have the opportunity to take a minute and vent.

“We want to keep the Sailors happy so they come to work and put forth the maximum effort at work. If a Sailor is not happy when they come to work, they will not perform,” Viduya said. “EO is a way to ensure that a Sailor’s voice will be heard.”

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for any IA Sailor’s family.

“The Navy is trying very hard to take care of the entire Sailor,” Venable said. “The way to do that is by letting the Sailor know their families are going to be cared for while they’re deployed.”

The Lincoln is also doing its part to help the families of Sailors assigned to, or embarked on the ship.

Abe’s goal is to interact with the families, as well as taking proactive steps to ensure the command remains in contact with the deployed Sailor, and act as an information link between Sailor and family if necessary, said Capt. T.E. Nosenzo, Lincoln’s executive officer.

According to Nosenzo, Abe has established an enhanced Family Readiness and Support Program

(FRSP) for Sailors who are preparing for or already on IA assignments.

“FRSP keeps the spouse, parents or other immediate family members apprised of all news concerning the Sailor’s health and welfare,” Nosenzo said. “It also assists the family in contacting and letting the Sailor know any significant shipboard events.”

The command chaplain is also on board to help family members of IA Sailors.

The Chief of Naval Operations has said that family readiness is directly related to military readiness. By keeping their families informed, many Sailors are able to do their jobs on deployment with one less thing to worry about, which makes the separations of deployments a little bit easier to handle.

Local Stories



Shipmates

The strength of a warship lies in the hearts and hands of its crew.



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ABF2 Joseph Determan receives the Sailor of the Week Award from Lincoln's Commanding Officer Capt. C. A. McCawley.

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